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## Promoting interventions on the protection of young people and children, with particular reference to the sale of illicit drugs and new psychoactive substances over the Internet

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Stressing* the commitments contained in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, adopted during the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission and by the General Assembly in its resolution 64/182 of 18 December 2009, in which it was stated that Member States should ensure that prevention programmes targeted and involved youth and children with a view to increasing their reach and effectiveness and that the drug problem continued to pose a serious threat to the health, safety and well-being of all humanity, in particular youth,[1]

*Recalling* the commitments made in the Convention on the Rights of the Child,[2] which provides in its article 33 that States parties should take all appropriate

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** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union.

[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8* (E/2009/28), chap. I, sect. C, Plan of Action, para. 14 (b), and Political Declaration, first paragraph.

[2] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.



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measures, including legislative, administrative, social and educational measures, to protect children against the illicit use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances as defined in the relevant international treaties, and to prevent the use of children in the illicit production of and trafficking in such substances,

*Recalling also* the Guidelines for Governments on Preventing the Illegal Sale of Internationally Controlled Substances through the Internet of 2009,[3] in which it was recommended that Governments should take a wide range of actions, including administrative, legislative and regulatory provisions, to curb the illegal sale of internationally controlled substances,

*Recalling further* that, in its resolution 50/11, on international cooperation in preventing the illegal distribution of internationally controlled licit substances via the Internet, the Commission recognized that the illegal distribution of internationally controlled licit substances via the Internet was an escalating problem and that the unsupervised use of such substances purchased through the Internet by the general public, in particular underage persons, constituted a serious risk to global health,

*Recalling* that, in its resolution 55/1, on promoting international cooperation in responding to the challenges posed by new psychoactive substances, the Commission encouraged Member States, based on the available information on patterns of use and risks to the public, including risks to young people, to adopt appropriate measures aimed at reducing supply and demand in accordance with their national legislation,

*Recalling also* that, in its resolution 57/3, on promoting prevention of drug abuse based on scientific evidence as an investment in the well-being of children, adolescents, youth, families and communities, it exhorted all Member States to enhance and further develop prevention programmes and policies that were targeted at children, adolescents, youth, families and communities and were designed to encourage effective alternatives to drug abuse,

*Recalling further* its resolution 57/9, on enhancing international cooperation in the identification and reporting of new psychoactive substances and incidents involving such substances, in which it invited Member States, inter alia, to take appropriate measures to strengthen international cooperation in the exchange of information regarding the identification of new psychoactive substances, the methods used for their distribution, the modi operandi of criminal and other organizations involved in the production, processing and international distribution of such substances, including supply routes, and the use of the Internet to facilitate those activities,

1. *Invites* Member States to respond swiftly and effectively to the emerging threat posed, in particular to young people and children, by the sale of illicit drugs and new psychoactive substances over the Internet;

2. *Requests* Member States to implement measures, in accordance with their national legislation, to raise awareness among parents and educators about the potential risks of the Internet, especially social networks, in relation to the trade in

[3] United Nations publication, Sales No. E.09.XI.6.

illicit drugs and new psychoactive substances and the easy availability of such substances to young people and children;

3. *Encourages* Member States to incorporate within their national strategies and guidelines measures to discourage and protect young people and children from the risks arising from illicit drugs and new psychoactive substances supplied via the Internet and social networks, with serious consequences for their health;

4. *Also encourages* Member States to develop national programmes on prevention, targeting work with families, in particular parents, as regards to the safe use of the Internet and social media by children and young people, and focusing on the problem of sale of new psychoactive substances over the Internet;

5. *Further encourages* Member States to incorporate the themes of safe use of the Internet and the risks and effects of the drug use, including risks of intoxication and death, within their preventive programmes;

6. *Calls on* Member States, through bilateral, regional and international cooperation, where appropriate, to collaborate in the implementation of these measures through the exchange of information, with a view to improving and enhancing their ability to face this challenge;

7. *Invites* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Health Organization to facilitate the exchange of information and best practices among Member States in order to implement the present resolution;

8. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to the Commission at its fifty-ninth session on the measures taken and on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.